

**A RESOLUTION BY  
FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**03-*2*-0630**

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE NECESSITY OF THE  
\$1.50 MONTHLY SURCHARGE ON TELEPHONE BILLS FOR  
THE OPERATION OF THE "911" SYSTEM AND DIRECTING  
SOUTHERN BELL, A BELLSOUTH COMPANY, AND ALL  
OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES PROVIDING TELEPHONE  
SERVICE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO CONTINUE  
COLLECTING THE SURCHARGE FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003.**

**WHEREAS,** the General Assembly adopted an act which amended the "Georgia Emergency Telephone Number "911" Service Act of 1977 (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS,** said act provides a procedure for levying and collecting a monthly "911" charge upon each exchange access facility subscribed to by telephone subscribers whose exchange access lines are in the areas served or which would be served by the "911" Service; and

**WHEREAS,** said monthly "911" charges shall be used only to pay for the operation and maintenance of the "911" system including necessary equipment acquisitions; and

**WHEREAS,** the City by resolution adopted by Council on October 15, 1990 and approved by the Mayor on October 22, 1990 requested Southern Bell to implement a monthly \$1.50 "911" charge for telephone subscribers within the City on or before February 1, 1991; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 46-5-134 (d)(2) of the O.C.G.A. states "The governing authority of a local government operating or contracting for the operation of an emergency "911" system shall, by ordinance, reaffirm the necessity for the "911" charge beginning with the thirteenth month following the month in which emergency "911" system service is first provided in the political subdivision and during such month annually thereafter".

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA** that the "911" monthly surcharge of \$1.50 be and is hereby reaffirmed as being necessary for the continued operation of City of Atlanta enhanced emergency telephone number "911" system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Southern Bell, a BellSouth Company, and all other landline telephone companies that provide telephone service within the City of Atlanta, be and is hereby directed to continue collecting the "911" \$1.50 monthly surcharge from telephone subscribers whose telephones are in the area, served by the City of Atlanta enhanced emergency telephone number "911" system, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2003 and to remit said funds collected, less the 3% administrative fee retained by the telephone companies, to the City.

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

To Mayor's Office:

Greg Pridgeon

(For review & distribution to Executive Management)

Commissioner's Signature: 

Director's Signature 

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Committee(s) of Purview: Finance/Executive Committee 4/1-2/03

Committee Deadline:

Committee Meeting Date (s): 4/1-2/03

City Council Meeting 4/21/03

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAPTION:**

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE NECESSITY OF THE \$1.50 MONTHLY SURCHARGE ON TELEPHONE BILLS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE "911" SYSTEM, AND DIRECTING ALL OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES PROVIDING TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO CONTINUE COLLECTING THE SURCHARGE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:**

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THAT ALL TELEPHONE COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE TELEPHONE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF ATLANTA, BE DIRECTED TO CONTINUE COLLECTING THE "911" \$1.50 MONTHLY SURCHARGE FROM TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS WHOSE TELEPHONES ARE IN THE AREA, SERVED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA ENHANCED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER "911" SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2003 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, AND REMIT SAID FUNDS COLLECTED, LESS THE 3% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE RETAINED BY THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING THE FEES.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any):**

The City collected \$6,396,505.34 for emergency "911" fees in 2002.

OTHER DEPARTMENT(S) IMPACTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by Mayor's Office: 3.26.03 

(date)

Reviewed: 

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Submitted to Council: \_\_\_\_\_

(date)

Action by

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Adversed \_\_\_\_\_

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_